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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9924

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TAGS: CVIS, ASUP, FR

SUBJECT: VISA MACHINES

REF: STATE 66894, PARIS 7255

1. DELIVERY PROTECTOGRAPH CERTIFIERS WEEK OF MAY 24  
UNACCEPTABLE REPEAT UNACCEPTABLE DUE FACT THAT -- OF 3  
MACHINES NECESSARY TO OPERATE PARIS NIV LINE, ONE  
MACHINE ALREADY INOPERATIVE FOR MORE THAN 6 MONTHS (DUE  
APPARENT TOTAL INABILITY OF BURROUGHS, INC. TO PROVIDE  
SPARE PARTS), SECOND NOW DOWN FOR INDETERMINATE PERIOD  
DUE APPARENT COMBINATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL  
PROBLEMS, AND THIRD (WHICH IS OLDEST OF THE LOT) LIKELY  
TO RENDER ITS GHOST AT ANY TIME. POST'S "BACKUP" CON-  
SISTS OF VENERABLE HAND-OPERATED APPARATUS WHICH, DUE TO  
NECESSARILY EXCESSIVE USE BY WEEKEND DUTY OFFICERS, IS  
ALSO ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE. ARMED WITH THIS HAPLESS  
ARRAY OF RUBE GOLDBERG RELICS, THE PARIS VISA OFFICE  
FACES A GROWING HOARD OF NIV APPLICANTS NOW NUMBERING  
MORE THAN 700 PER DAY. THE RESULT IS ACUTE OPERATIONAL  
INEFFICIENCY WHICH WILL INEVITABLY BECOME AN ACUTE  
PUBLIC RELATIONS DISASTER UNLESS EFFECTIVE ACTION IS  
TAKEN TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT PROTECTOGRAPH CERTIFIERS  
NOW.

2. EMBASSY WELL AWARE THAT THIS SORT OF PROBLEM USUALLY  
FAILS TO ELICIT PROMPT SOLUTION DUE TO CONFLICTING JURIS-  
DICTIONAL SUZERAINITIES INVOLVED, BUT IT TRUSTS THAT, IN  
VIEW OF EMPHASIS RECENTLY PLACED ON PROMPT AND COURTEOUS  
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SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC BY OFFICIALS AT THE HIGHEST

LEVELS, A SOLUTION WILL SOMEHOW SHORTLY BE FOUND.  
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